

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A device for sizing a yarn sheet being moved in a conveying direction, comprising at least one sizing compartment for contacting the yarn sheet with sizing liquor, a draw-in unit comprising three rollers connected upstream of the sizing compartment, and a squeezer for the sizing connected downstream of said sizing compartment, said draw-in unit including in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap, means for wetting the yarn in the sheet with a liquor which is at least diluted with water prior to its contact with the sizing liquor including a wetting liquor supply disposed below said second roller, said second roller disposed for dipping into said wetting liquor supply for travel of said yarn sheet there-around through said wetting liquor supply, said second and third of said three rollers forming a wetting agent squeezer as a second squeezing gap, said draw-in unit thereby functioning as a draw-in unit, as a wetting means and as a wetting agent squeezer, the yarn sheet being conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment being minimized because of its compact structure.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said rollers dam up a wetting agent supply in a nip above said first squeezing gap between said first and second rollers in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet, and the path of the yarn sheet is through the wetting agent supply above the first squeezing gap, through said first

squeezing gap, then along the surface of said second roller through said wetting agent supply below said second roller and through said second squeezing gap.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit are arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other.

Claim 4. (Cancelled)

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) A device for sizing a yarn sheet being moved in a conveying direction, comprising at least one sizing compartment for contacting the yarn sheet with sizing liquor, a draw-in unit comprising three rollers connected upstream of the sizing compartment, and a squeezer for the sizing connected downstream of said sizing compartment, said draw-in unit including means for wetting the yarn in the sheet with a liquor which is at least diluted with water prior to its contact with the sizing liquor, a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap, said second roller disposed for travel of said yarn sheet there-around through said wetting liquor, said second and third of said three rollers forming a wetting agent squeezer as a second squeezing gap, said draw-in unit thereby functioning as the wetting means and as the wetting agent squeezer, said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit being arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other, the yarn sheet being conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment being minimized because of its compact structure, said free segment being protected against heat loss by means of a cover.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A device for sizing a yarn sheet being moved in a conveying direction, comprising at least one sizing compartment for contacting the yarn sheet

with sizing liquor, a draw-in unit comprising three rollers connected upstream of the sizing compartment, and a squeezer for the sizing connected downstream of said sizing compartment, said draw-in unit including means for wetting the yarn in the sheet with a liquor which is at least diluted with water prior to its contact with the sizing liquor, a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap, said second roller disposed for travel of said yarn sheet there-around through said wetting liquor, said second and third of said three rollers forming a wetting agent squeezer as a second squeezing gap, said draw-in unit thereby functioning as a wetting means and as a wetting agent squeezer, said rollers dam up a first wetting agent supply in a nip above said first squeezing gap between said first and second rollers in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet, and said second roller dips into a second wetting agent supply, and the path of the yarn sheet after the first wetting agent supply leads through said first squeezing gap, then along the surface of said second roller through said second wetting agent supply and through said second squeezing gap, said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit being arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other, the yarn sheet being conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment being minimized because of its compact structure.

Claim 7. (Cancelled)

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The device in accordance with claim 7 6, wherein said free segment is protected against heat loss by means of a cover.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A device for sizing a yarn sheet being moved in a conveying direction, comprising at least one sizing compartment for contacting the yarn sheet

with sizing liquor, a draw-in unit comprising a set of rollers consisting essentially of three rollers connected upstream of the sizing compartment, and a squeezer for the sizing connected downstream of said sizing compartment, said draw-in unit including in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap, means for wetting the yarn in the sheet with a liquor which is at least diluted with water prior to its contact with the sizing liquor including a wetting liquor supply disposed below said second roller, said second roller disposed for dipping into said wetting liquor supply for travel of said yarn sheet there-around through said wetting liquor supply, said second and third of said three rollers forming a wetting agent squeezer as a second squeezing gap, said draw-in unit thereby functioning as a draw-in unit, as a wetting means and as a wetting agent squeezer, the yarn sheet being conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment being minimized because of its compact structure.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 9, wherein said rollers dam up a wetting agent supply in a nip above said first squeezing gap between said first and second rollers in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet, and the path of the yarn sheet is through the wetting agent supply above the first squeezing gap, through said first squeezing gap, then along the surface of said second roller through said wetting agent supply below said second roller and through said second squeezing gap.

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 9, wherein said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit are arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other.

Claim 12. (Cancelled)

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) A device for sizing a yarn sheet being moved in a conveying direction, comprising at least one sizing compartment for contacting the yarn sheet with sizing liquor, a draw-in unit comprising a set of rollers consisting essentially of three rollers connected upstream of the sizing compartment, and a squeezer for the sizing connected downstream of said sizing compartment, said draw-in unit including means for wetting the yarn in the sheet with a liquor which is at least diluted with water prior to its contact with the sizing liquor, a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap, said second roller disposed for travel of said yarn sheet there-around through said wetting liquor, said second and third of said three rollers forming a wetting agent squeezer as a second squeezing gap, said draw-in unit thereby functioning as a wetting means and as a wetting agent squeezer, said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit being arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other, the yarn sheet being conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment being minimized because of its compact structure, said free segment being protected against heat loss by means of a cover.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) A device for sizing a yarn sheet being moved in a conveying direction, comprising at least one sizing compartment for contacting the yarn sheet with sizing liquor, a draw-in unit comprising a set of rollers consisting essentially of three rollers connected upstream of the sizing compartment, and a squeezer for the sizing connected downstream of said sizing compartment, said draw-in unit including means for wetting the yarn in the sheet with a liquor which is at least diluted with water prior to its contact with the sizing liquor, a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap, said second

roller disposed for travel of said yarn sheet there-around through said wetting liquor, said second and third of said three rollers forming a wetting agent squeezer as a second squeezing gap, said draw-in unit thereby functioning as a wetting means and as a wetting agent squeezer, said rollers dam up a wetting agent supply in a nip above said first squeezing gap between said first and second rollers in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet, and said second roller dips into a second wetting agent supply, and the path of the yarn sheet after the first wetting agent supply leads through said first squeezing gap, then along the surface of said second roller through said second wetting agent supply and through said second squeezing gap, said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit being arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other, the yarn sheet being conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment being minimized because of its compact structure.

Claim 15. (Cancelled)

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) The device in accordance with claim 15 14, wherein said free segment is protected against heat loss by means of a cover.